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In re Application of

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For: BLOCK INTERLEAVING APPARATUS, BLOCK DEINTERLEAVING APPARATUS,

BLOCK INTERLEAVING METHOD, AND BLOCK DEINTERLEAVING METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please enter the following specification changes as noted below:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 44, fifth paragraph to Page 45, paragraph continued, replace with the following:

The selector 121 receives the output of the overflow processing unit 140 and the output of the selector 124. When the